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- On 24 May 1955, a conference, which concerned the execution of Soviet development orders by GDR enterprises was held at the Hauptamt fuer wissenschaftlich-technische Zusammenarbeit mit der USSR (Main Office for Scientific-Technical Cooperation with the USSR) (TWZ) of the State Planning Commission. The following personnel participated in the conference: the chief of Section USSR of HA TWZ, Helfried Pech; a financial expert from Section Research and Development of the Ministry for Machine Construction; three representatives from the Wissenschaftlich-Technisches Buero fuer Geraetebau (Scientific-Technical Bureau for Apparatus Construction) (WTBG); and three representatives from the Werk fuer Fernmeldewesen (Plant for Telecommunications) (WF).
- Pech presented the WTBG a Soviet order which had been issued on the basis of an offer of January 1955. The order concerned the construction of an installation permitting measurement of the angle of incidence of short waves emitted by transmitters located at a known position. This task was to be completed within 24 months in three phases at a cost of approximately 400,000 eastmarks as follows:
 

First phase (preliminary planning)	6 months
Second phase (function sample)	9 months
Third phase (construction sample)	9 months

A precise calculation and fixing of target dates was to follow after the preliminary plans had been presented and coordinated with wishes of the consignor.
- Three minor orders for laboratory measuring instruments were placed with the WF Oberspree. The representatives of the plant appeared to be very disappointed, since the cost for development work amounted to only about 280,000 eastmarks.
- The funds for development concerning the orders received were furnished from a fund of the TWZ. Part of the money had already been transferred to the firms involved. Additional means were to be requested monthly in advance from the TWZ.
- It was learned during the conference, that several enterprises, some of them upon Soviet requests, had made more than 30 offers to the USSR, but that

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only 4 of these offers had been accepted and had resulted in an order to the TWZ. With regard to Soviet development orders still under way at the former WTBs of the SAG enterprises, Pech stated that the execution of these orders was very expensive for the GDR since no Soviet support could be expected for the completion of these orders, which had to be financed by the main administration from funds for research and technical work. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] an estimated 16 million eastmarks have to be supplied from the Central Fund for Research and Technics in accordance with an agreement of November 1954 on the financing of these orders between the Councils of Ministers of the GDR and the USSR.

6. The discussion had been caused by a statement by the representatives of the WTBC, according to which order No CO2, previously 65 M, for the construction of a high frequency power meter could not be completed from funds available in this year. Pech asked the representatives of the WTBC to turn in an offer with data on costs and target dates regarding the completion of order 36/5 M, work on which had been discontinued. The Soviets reportedly set great value on the resumption and completion of work on this order, since the first trials with ionospheric stations of order 68/144 M were positive. A Soviet representative would soon report on the results.

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